

DEFER ELECTION UNTIL SPRING

Federation of Mothers' Clubs Changes Plan Which Calls for Fall Voting.

WORK FOR PLAYGROUNDS

Mrs. Grimmer, the President, Tells What Year Brought Forth.

Although the Springfield School Association was the only individual club represented, the Richmond Federation of Mothers' Clubs held an important meeting at Ruffner School yesterday afternoon, at which the president, Mrs. William Grimmer, submitted her annual report, showing what the year had brought forth. Other annual reports were most satisfactory and encouraging. Mrs. Mann of Monumental Club, and Councilman E. R. Fuller were at the meeting. Mr. Fuller promising to give every possible aid to the playground movement in the Council.

It was decided by a two-thirds vote to abolish that clause in the constitution and by-laws which calls for an election of officers in November and to hold the election in May, 1911.

There were many informal talks. Mr. Clift giving a graphic account of the St. Andrew's playgrounds. There were musical selections by Misses Ednah Browning, Alice Browning and Louise Gemmill.

President's Report. The annual report of Mrs. William Grimmer, the president, was extremely interesting, dealing as it did with the work accomplished during the past year and referring to plans under way for the common good. Everything was chaos in the beginning, she said, but the threads have been woven together and to-day the federation is exerting a powerful influence in the community. She advocates a change in the by-laws so that a president might be elected and committees appointed in the late spring in order that the work of the winter may be mapped out when the school session begins. What the association did in trying to preserve the John Marshall house, its work for good measures before the Legislature and its opposition to measures which were regarded as harmful, is described by Mrs. Grimmer in a most entertaining manner. The report gives full and ample credit to the various officers and committees who have labored together in harmony, and who have brought about excellent results in many directions.

Public Playgrounds. Special emphasis is given to the question of playgrounds, a work which has enlisted universal sympathy and report concerning this matter Mrs. Grimmer says: "The disease caused by lack of fresh air and healthful exercises, affecting the tenement child, often threatens the life of the most sheltered and wealthy resident, and the rosy cheeks and white teeth of the untrained and uncared for child are a menace to the life and property of the best, the purest and the most useful citizens. The public playground is intended to be that source of prevention which is worth more than a pound of cure, both of disease, vice and rowdiness, with all their attendant miseries and dangers, and it is nobly fulfilling its mission.

"Seven playgrounds have been conducted in as many localities, where most needed, this past season. Thousands of children have enjoyed many hours of delight under conditions conducive to health and morality. Hundreds of mothers have been spared needless and wearying anxiety by the knowledge that their children were being thus cared for under intelligent and gentle supervision. Little deaf mutes, babies recovering from infantile paralysis and cripples and motherless children, have enjoyed wholesome

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delights to which they would otherwise have been strangers. Boys have been helped to employment, have been improved in manners and general conduct, and been given an upward impetus, which will change the whole course of their existence, and all have received instruction of some kind, from singing, dancing, physical culture, drama work and sewing, to ethics and hygiene, while the attention of hundreds of visitors has been called to the fact that Richmond is among the progressive cities which are giving time and thought, and paying out money, to foster the health of the coming generation and raise the general average of citizenship. Does this not make that "Greater Richmond" of which so much is heard? I doubt if the thousands of dollars spent by Richmond's Board of Trade to advertise Richmond's attractions and interest the interest the outside world in her possibilities as a pleasant and profitable dwelling place, have accomplished more in that way than have the few hundreds spent on the public playgrounds.

Work Must Go On. "Needless to say that we must go on with this labor of love and work of civic pride so long as our aid is called for by the city authorities, and I call upon every member of the federation to hold up the hands of the executive board, by themselves showing sufficient interest in the work to visit as many playgrounds as they can, as often as possible and spreading a knowledge of the work among their friends and acquaintances, thereby aiding to arouse a public sentiment which will secure the increase of the appropriation for this purpose by the city. I also give the counsel of your representatives the weight with the Council committee which it should and must have to be of value, and to preserve our credit as an organization.

"Although severely handicapped by family sickness I have found time to make regular visits to the various playgrounds, read, write and reply to innumerable letters in connection with the work of the federation, and attend to equally innumerable calls of many sorts relative to playgrounds and the federation generally. If there were time to give a full account of all these duties, I am confident that you would be as surprised as I was and am in contemplation of the amount of work involved. But what engages our affections is never felt as burdensome, and I have enjoyed it. I am sure, equally with the children and monitors, I have learned that however well we may think we understand and sympathize with anything, actual living experience of promotive work opens doors undreamed of in every direction.

"My thanks are due, and most gratefully rendered, to the monitors, janitors, chairmen of special committees, and to the supervisors and our vice-president—in fact, to all who have so lovingly upheld my hands in this work. We have all done our very best, but are conscious of possible improvements and anxious to announce what I am sure all will be happy to hear—

that is, that articles of incorporation have been secured, and we now have a legal status and a legal right to the name we have chosen."

COTTON SETS READY

They Will Be Issued for Use During This Season.

Washington, October 17.—The Department of Agriculture has announced that it is prepared to sell the nine official grades of white American cotton recently promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture. The grades will be furnished for \$35 a set, the cost of their preparation, as required by law. The sale is begun in accordance with the recommendation of the committee of cotton experts upon whose advice the grades were established, that they be issued for general use during the crop season of 1910-1911.

The official grades are elaborately prepared, and the integrity of each type is attested by a full-sized photograph secured in the box cover and bearing the signature of the secretary and the seal of the Department of Agriculture. The permanency of the standard is to be secured by the preservation of twenty-five sets in a vacuum, to be opened on occasion may demand for purposes of comparison. Numerous letters approving the official grades have been received from prominent American cotton interests. Prominent members of foreign exchanges who have seen the types have also expressed themselves in terms of high commendation.

To Lecture on Hippology. The second lecture on "Hippology" by Captain J. C. Wise, adjutant of the First Field Cavalry, will be given at the Howitzers' Armory to-night. The subject to-night will be "Defects," relating, of course, to the horse, and judging by the interest shown last

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from minor changes in the method of selecting delegates there are no important changes, with the exception of the abandonment of the office of financial secretary and the dropping of the allied trades from membership.

The Advertising Campaign. Another important question concerns a wide advertising campaign in the interests of the association. The undertaking is in the hands of the foremost advertising experts in the country, and plans and specifications have been submitted for inspection at this meeting. In this connection an address will be delivered at this morning's session by J. Frothingham, of New York, on "Advertising—The Indestructible Asset." Sentiment favors the proposed campaign, and special reference was made to the subject by the president yesterday. He said: "To correct and mold public opinion, publicity upon a much larger scale must be resorted to. At this meeting we will have the pleasure of listening to a discussion upon this subject and a proposition will be submitted, which, in my judgment, is capable of big results to the laundrymen of the whole country."

This morning's session will be given over to the discussion of reports. This afternoon unfinished business will be disposed of, and new officers will be nominated. The election of officers will come to-morrow. Members of the executive committee will be elected to-day.

Reception to President. Seldom has the magnificent lobby and palm room of the Hotel Hamilton presented a more attractive scene than it did last night, when a reception was tendered to President Purdy. Scores of handsomely gowned women attended the reception, and with their escorts formed a rare picture of life and color.

The big social feature will be to-night, however, when the entire convention party will assemble at a banquet which is to be served in the Masonic Temple. Preparations to make this the biggest possible success have been in progress for many weeks by the local committee in charge. Covers will be laid for more than 1,000.

To-day at 1:30 P. M. the women will assemble at the convention for luncheon and will afterwards enjoy the theater party. An entertainment and oyster roast at Idlewood to-morrow afternoon will bring the entertainment program to a close.

ST. PAUL ON THE JOB

Working Hard to Capture Laundry Convention for Next Year.

"We are here to get the laundrymen's convention for St. Paul next year," said J. Clair Stone, of that city, at the Jefferson yesterday. "St. Paul is the great convention city of the North. Nowhere in the world is there a city more beautifully located than St. Paul, as it sits on its seven hills, close to the headwaters of the Mississippi River, and within the shadow of Minnehaha Falls, made world-famous by the poem of Longfellow."

"At this season of the year our climate is beyond compare. As in fact, it is at all seasons of the year. "We have close to a quarter of a million of people; several handsome clubs, several first-class hotels, including the St. Paul, second to none in the country in appointments; beautiful parks and, in Summit Avenue, one of the most beautiful scenic drives in the country. Our Commercial Club, which is back of us in offering entertainment to the delegates to the Laundrymen's Association, comprises more than 1,000 members, drawn from the commercial and professional people of the city.

"St. Paul has eleven trunk line railroads centering in the city, and a car line to the numerous beautiful lake resorts nearby, such as Lake Minnetonka, White Bear Lake, the Lakes of the St. Croix, etc. Our Auditorium has nation-wide fame, and is, without question, one of the most admirably equipped convention halls in the United States. We want the laundrymen to be our guests; we will entertain them royally, and send them away well pleased with their excursion to the North."

STUART ANSWERS VEILED ATTACKS

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reached that the Democrats had all the best of the situation.

One of the striking features of the Stuart meeting in the State House yesterday was the answer of the Democratic candidate to certain veiled insinuations which have been made against him by Republican campaigners and Republican papers concerning his management of his father's estate as executor. He said: "I have heard in this campaign, he said toward the close of his able and vigorous discussion of the record of his opponent, 'some open charges and some veiled insinuations. You have heard perhaps something like this: 'Stuart was the executor of his father's estate, and you know the rest.' I have something to say about this matter, and I have chosen this place to say it. No body builds a reputation and would insinuate a thing which he is afraid to state in the open, and I now challenge any man or newspaper that has any charge to make against me to come squarely out in the open and state it. The suit for the settlement of my father's estate was brought in this county by the creditors, and every act of mine as executor was passed on and confirmed by the court, and the records are now here and open to every man's inspection. Nine-tenths of the creditors were represented by employed counsel, as able as any in Virginia, and had there been any question about any act of mine it would have been fully inquired into. My record as a business man is before the people, and I am willing to stand by it."

The effect of Mr. Stuart's thrilling declarations on this point was almost dramatic, and the great audience demonstrated its absolute confidence in him by prolonged cheering.

This is Mr. Stuart's native county, and his old friends and acquaintances came from far and near to-day to hear him. He has not appeared to better advantage at any point in the campaign, and his discussion of the vital issues of the hour touched a responsive chord.

He devoted the greater portion of his speech to dissecting the public record of his opponent, and to the suffrage question, his discussion of which was frequently applauded. After pointing out the record of Cannonism and connecting Mr. Slomp directly with them, Mr. Stuart provoked great enthusiasm by declaring that "Cannonism and Slompism are yoked together; they must sink or swim together, and, thank God, they are all going down together. Nowhere is the bottom of the deep blue sea."

Flood Makes Address. Mr. Flood, who was in the trim, spoke for two hours after dinner, and his arraignment of the Republican party for the evils now afflicting the country from its support to one of the ablest and most scathing yet heard in the campaign.

His defense of the Democratic position on the tariff was clear, strong and convincing, while his plea for the election of Mr. Stuart was at once fervid and eloquent. Judge Williams closed the meeting with stirring appeals to his neighbors and friends to stand up

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The Tenderfoot Farmer

It was one of these experimental farmers, who put green spectacles on his cow and fed her shavings. His theory was that it didn't matter what the cow ate so long as she was fed. The questions of digestion and nourishment had not entered into his calculations.

It's only a "tenderfoot" farmer that would try such an experiment with a cow. But many a farmer feeds himself regardless of digestion and nutrition. He might almost as well eat shavings for all the good he gets out of his food. The result is that the stomach grows "weak," the action of the organs of digestion and nutrition are impaired and the man suffers the miseries of dyspepsia and the agonies of nervousness.

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